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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant herewith submits certain patent references and other information, which the Patent & Trademark Office may wish to consider in examining the above-identified application. The references are listed on the attached Form PTO-SB08A and 08B.

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